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1. (SBU) Post sent reftel points to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) February 29 and followed-up with MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Takako Ito March 7. Ito said since the Maldives has held only one informal meeting on its proposal and climate change could have an impact on human rights, "it is not currently our position to drop" the resolution. However, Japan's "policy priority" for the HRC is zero budget growth, so the study the Maldives is proposing could become a problem once more details come out. Ito also assured ESTOff Japan understands U.S. concerns and "we know when" to take a stand against an HRC proposal if it appears it will become detrimental to negotiations going on elsewhere.
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